

2026 College Sailing Open Fleet Race National Championship
for the Henry A. Morss Memorial Trophy
Hosted by the University of South Florida
May 19-22, 2026

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICOSA Procedural Rules (PR), ICOSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, General Conditions for the ICOSA Championships, Conditions for the Intercollegiate National Championship, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. ICOSA PR 32 shall be in effect. The decisions of the protest committee will be final per Rule 70.5 for the Semifinal Round.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally on the water or posted before the first race of the day in which they are to take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 18: 1900 Competitors' Meeting; Zoom link to be posted to Techscore

May 19: Open Semifinals

0900 Report

0930 First Warning

May 20: Open Semifinals

0900 Report

0930 First Warning

1700 No Start Signal After

May 21: Open Finals

0900 Report

0930 First Warning

May 22: Open Finals
0900 Report
0930 First Warning
1700 No Start Signal After
After Racing - Final Round Awards Presentation

5. FORMAT

5.1. The Intercollegiate Open Fleet National Championship will consist of two stages: Stage 1, two concurrently run semi-final First Round events and Stage 2, a Final. Each event in each stage shall be scored as separate regattas under the ICSA Procedural Rules and Championship Conditions.

5.2. For the 1st stage, the Eastern Bracket will start in FJ's; Western Bracket will start in 420's. The fleets will switch on the 2nd day.

5.3. For the 2nd stage, A division will start in the FJ's, B division will start in 420's. The fleets will switch on the 2nd day.

5.4. Teams placing 1st through 9th in each Stage 1 regatta shall advance to the Finals. Only teams competing in Stage 1 shall be eligible for berths in Stage 2.

5.5. If the minimum number of races is not completed in a Stage 1 regatta, berths to the Finals from the incomplete regatta shall be awarded as follows: 1) to the Conference Champions of MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC, SAISA, and SEISA, and 2) to the highest seeded teams competing in the incomplete regatta as per the ICSA Selection Committee seeding, totaling nine teams.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

6.1. FJ's and 420E's will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Competitors have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1 and competitors may not add knots to add purchase to Cunningham, vang, or outhaul systems. Zim sails will be used for all.

6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

6.3. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boatswain immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water.

7. ROTATION

7.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the online rotation.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The courses will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams on the Notice Board.

8.2. Rounding Marks will be orange balls as indicated by the course diagram.

8.3. Courses will either be W3, W4, or W5. All courses will have a windward offset and a leeward gate.

9. START/FINISH

9.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

9.2. The start line will be between a staff with an orange post on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a similar post on a boat stationed at the port end of the line.

9.3. The finish line will be between an orange staff on the finish boat and a nearby mark as specified by course diagrams.

10. PROTESTS

10.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.

10.2. Protest forms will be available at the Registration Desk and shall be filed with the RC Jury representative or ICSA rep that is present.

10.3. RRS 66 – Reopening a Hearing is changed to add the following to the third sentence “on May 20 and May 22, the deadline for reopening a hearing is changed to 30 minutes after the decision has been announced.”

10.4. The posting of the ‘Protest Hearing Schedule’ of a Request for Redress is considered to meet US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2. Requests may be made orally to the Protest Committee when the hearing is called.

11. SAFETY

11.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify so by waving their arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

12. COACHING AND COMPETITORS

12.1 PR 19 will apply.

12.2. Coaching may be from shore or in OA provided boats as directed.

13. FACILITY ACCESS AND FIELD OF PLAY

13.1. The cordoned off section of SkyBeach Resort, including the launching areas are considered ‘Field of Play’ areas which are restricted to credentialed team members including any team staff, credentialed coaches, facility staff, race officials, and regatta organizers. Credentials must be worn or available to be displayed at all times when not sailing or rotating boats.

13.2. Each team will be issued credentials, allowing ‘Field of Play’ access to team members and coaches.

13.3. Breaches of SI 13.1 and 13.2 are subject to protest. Only the OA shall protest for breaches of 13.1 or 13.2, this changes RRS 60.1, 60.2, and 60.3. The penalty for a breach of SI 13.1 or 13.2 shall be a discretionary penalty.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their

final departure, without compensation.

15. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

15.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment as specified by the OA.

16. Drones and U.A.V.s

16.1. U.A.V. / Drone operation is prohibited by anyone other than the Organizing Authority or media partners in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend May 20th to May 30th.